

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Hirabayshi, et al.  
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Title: FILE PROCESSING DEVICE, FILE PROCESSING METHOD, FILE  
PROCESSING METHOD PROGRAM, RECORDING MEDIUM  
CONTAINING THE FILE PROCESSING METHOD PROGRAM, IMAGING  
DEVICE, AND RECORDING MEDIUM CONTAINING FILE  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2009, and in conjunction with the enclosed Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.